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Sir:

This communication is being submitted with the filing papers for the U.S. national phase filing of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/010664 (filed July 27, 2004) under 35 U.S.C. § 371. Entry of this amendment is requested prior to examination of the subject application. Please amend the application as follows:

An amendment to the specification is on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are shown in the listing of the claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks are on page 6 of this paper.

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